

Washington, DC – This afternoon, Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) applauded the passage of the H.R. 3238, the Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. The bill included over \$800,000 for San Antonio's VIA Metropolitan Transportation Authority with \$500,000 designated for VIA Metropolitan Transit BRT improvements and \$300,000 for VIA Metropolitan Transit Bus Maintenance Facility Improvements. The VIA bus transit system directly addresses local traffic concerns by helping reduce congestion in high traffic areas across the city.

“VIA has been providing public transportation service in the San Antonio area since 1978, and continues to be an integral part of our community’s smart growth plan,” added Congressman Gonzalez. “I’m proud that these resources will help provide a valuable public service to the community, while giving a boost to our city's economy.”

The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act builds on the work of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and our long-term economic plan to provide short-term help in the form of housing and jobs for those hurt most by the economic downturn and long-term solutions like improved infrastructure to put our economy on sound footing for the future.

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